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THE SCHARLIE E. RUSSELL LIBRARY CLUB

Miss Scharlie E. Russell is pictured above, seated in the center, at a meeting of the Scharlie E. Russell Library Club last November. The club was organized in 1936. Seated next to Miss Russell are Billie Jean Corry (left), vice-president, and Helen Belisle (right), president. Members of the club shown in the picture are (standing, left to right): Avis Windham, Audrey Jo King, Freida Squyres, Billie Sue Gilmore, Patsy Eason, Robert Harper, Bobbie Elkins, Yvonne Ewing, Ruth Ann Ellender, and Maurine Gray.

Alumni Board Meets Saturday

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association will meet Saturday, February 25, to determine the date of the annual spring homecoming, review the ballots that have been returned concerning homecoming, and take up any other matters that may be brought before the board.

Tentative plans for the dedication of the new buildings on the campus are being made by a special committee. It is understood this program will be held the latter part of April. The possibility of combining this special feature and homecoming will be considered by the board at their meeting.

Members of the Board of Directors are J. W. Webb, Haynesville, president; Harold Kaffie, Natchitoches, vice president; L. S. Miller, Natchitoches, secretary-treasurer; Superintendent S. M. Shows, Mansfield, member; Superintendent E. S. Aiken, Alexandria, member; A. J. Maricella, Monroe, member; and Ted Wright, Bastrop, member.

Alexandria Hospital Added to Nursing School

The Baptist Hospital in Alexandria is collaborating with the School of Nursing at Northwestern beginning with the spring semester, according to a joint announcement of Dr. H. H. McBride, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the hospital, and Dr. G. W. McGinty, Acting President of the College.

The students of the Baptist Hospital transferred to the College this semester. They will return to the hospital next September for a two-year period of clinical instruction in nursing, and upon completion of the three-year program will have credit toward a bachelor's degree. Under the agreement these students may return to Northwestern for an additional year and earn a B. S. degree in nursing.

The Hospital is providing scholarships to the students who have transferred, and will give a minimum of 30 scholarships in September to qualified high school graduates who are interested in the study of nursing.

Honor Roll Attained By 207 in Fall Semester

Thirty-six parishes and ten states were represented on the Honor Roll at the end of the fall semester, when 207 students made an average grade of B or above.

In the parishes, Natchitoches rated first with 39 representatives, closely followed by Rapides with 20 and Caddo with 19. Other representatives were Sabine with 11, Vernon with 10, LaSalle with 8, and Ouachita with 7. Grant and Beauregard each had 6 while DeSoto, Red River, Richland, Webster, and Winn had 5.

Other states represented on the Honor Roll were Texas, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Virginia, New York, New Mexico, Oregon, Iowa, and Missouri.

Attainment of honor status represented 27 fields of major study with Business leading the field with 38 students listed. While the proportion of students making the honor roll follows somewhat the order of enrollments in the different major fields of study, there are some wide variations from the general pattern. Following Business in enrollment are Health and Physical Education, Education (Primary and Upper Elementary), Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Social Science, Nursing, Agriculture and Forestry, and Music. The numbers making the Honor Roll

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Former Librarian Passes Away On Feb. 3

When Miss Scharlie E. Russell passed away on February 3, just a few days after her eightieth birthday, the College lost a true and loyal supporter and one who had contributed much to the development of its educational program.

"Miss Scharlie," as she was known to her many friends among the alumni, assumed the librarianship of the College in 1910, and for thirty years she devoted her talents and her energies to providing the faculty and the students with the best type of library service possible.

During her administration the library collection grew from a mere 5,000 volumes to more than 40,000; and the new three-story brick building was erected.

After her retirement from active duty, Miss Scharlie visited the campus on numerous occasions, and always maintained a keen interest in the progress and activities of the College.

The Scharlie E. Russell Library Club, the first undergraduate library club in the state and one of the first in the nation, was organized at the College in 1936 and was named in honor of the one under whose leadership courses in Library Science had first been introduced to the campus. Miss Scharlie's many friends have expressed the hope that soon the library building will also bear her name.

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CHEMISTRY MAJOR WINS AWARD

Jan-An LeBlanc Wins National Award

By Wesley Jackson

Jan-an LeBlanc, pictured above, standing center, senior chemistry major and editor of the Potpourri, has won the national scholarship ring of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, it was announced last week. Miss LeBlanc maintained the highest scholastic average last semester of all the 13,000 members of the 50 chapters of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Jan-an holds many important positions in both social and extra-curricular activities on the campus.

Most of us here on the "hill" know Jan-an for her splendid work as a member of the varsity debate team and as editor of the Potpourri, but how many other things do we know about her? For instance, that she is a member of four national honorary societies: Beta Beta Beta (biology), Alpha Phi Gamma (journalism), Lambda Delta Lambda (physical sciences), and Kappa Delta Pi (education). Miss LeBlanc has also served as society and associate editor of the Current Sauce, and as a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

This award will not be the first for Miss LeBlanc, but the third. The others were the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship for freshmen women and the Purple Jacket Award for Outstanding Sophomore Woman.

Jan-an was born March 14, 1932, in Houma, Louisiana, the oldest of three children. Her father, Charles A. LeBlanc, is the principal of Terrebonne High School in Houma, and her mother is a teacher in the grammar school.

Jan-an, who entered Northwestern when she was only fifteen years old, is one of the most enthusiastic Tri-sigs of Alpha Zeta, the local chapter. She has served the chapter as Triangle Correspondent, Junior Pan-Hellenic representative, and Recording Secretary. In 1947, her first year at Northwestern, she received the Best Pledge Award for the year and was initiated the following March. Since then, she has been of great assistance to many of the pledges and members of Alpha Zeta Chapter.

ALUMNI Here 'N There

A letter just received from Mrs. R. J. Shellenberger (Ruth Monger, A. B. '44) states that she and her husband are living at Baylor Homette 24, Fourth and Jones, Waco, Texas, where her husband is doing graduate work at Baylor University.

They have two children, Steve and Don, whose pictures appear in this issue.

Mrs. Shellenberger reports that she enjoys reading the *Alumni Columns* and passes her copy on to an old roommate here at the College, Mrs. Hal Pickering, the former Marguerite Monks.

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Mrs. Helen Brown (Helen Dawn Johniken, '45) of 4806 Reiger Avenue, Dallas, Texas, writes in to get the addresses of some of her classmates. She furnished us a few addresses also. Two of her former classmates lived in Dallas but have moved recently. They are Mrs. Helen Faye Patterson (Helen Faye Busbice) of 5923 Forty-Eighth Street, S. W., Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. Katherine Voorhies (Katherine Lee Templet) of 4 Satellite Lane, Levittown, L. I., New York.

Mrs. Patterson has two lovely children, Mrs. Brown informed us, and Mr. Voorhies is employed as a designer at Saks Fifth Avenue Department Store in New York City.

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Miss Barbara Richter, B. S. '47, who has been employed in the office of the auditor here at the College for some time, resigned to accept a position with Wilson and Company, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, as payroll auditor. She asks to have the *Alumni Columns* sent to her new address at Apt. 3, 2015 Pinkney Street, Omaha.

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Howard A. Porter, Jr., B. S. '48, of 809-A Western Avenue, Borger, Texas, expresses his appreciation of the *Alumni Columns* in a recent letter. He stated that he had been accepted in the 1950 class of the LSU Medical School and would soon be back in "Good Ole Louisiana."

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James Jackson, B. S. '48, Box 152, Sandwich, Illinois, is working for Ford, Bacon and Davis Construction Company. He writes that he and Gerald Avants, A. B. '49, are working for the same company.

Avants was married to Miss Gloria June Moline, a music teacher in Sandwich, on December 26, and Jackson married Miss Elaine Shiner, a home economics teacher in Sandwich, on January 21. Jackson stated in his letter, "We both believe that everyone should be married——at least once."

They are in frequent communication with three other NSC boys over their inter-company phone system. These are T. C. Baugh at Onaga, Kansas; Joe Benton at Greensburg, Kansas; and Roy P. Vail at Guymon, Oklahoma. All are employees of the same company.

Mrs. Thomas R. Warrick (Mary Allen Caraway, B. S. '41) of 1503 South Meadowbrook, Garland, Texas, writes that she enjoys every issue of the Columns and looks forward to the next one.

CHARLES HENRY FRANCIS

Charles Henry Francis is pictured above at the age of fourteen months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Scott Francis of Houston. Mr. Francis, B. S., Fall '46, is teacher of Industrial Arts in the Stonewall Jackson Junior High School, Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Francis is the former Sara Frances Johnson, A. B. 1944.

"AL" FARR

"Al" Farr is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Farr, who reside in Vetstown on the campus. Mr. Farr is a senior in business education, and Mrs. Farr is the former Gladys Williams, A. B. '41.

Young "Al" was winner in the recent Urbach Baby Photo Contest conducted by Urbach Studios.

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THE SHANNONS OF LOVELAND

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Shannon with their children, David Bruce and Yvonne Marie, are pictured in their home at 873 Cleveland Avenue, Loveland, Colorado. Mrs. Shannon is the former Leonie Moncla, B. S. '42. Since the picture was made they had the misfortune to lose little David, who died suddenly in the Denver Hospital for Children on January 11.

LINDA LOUISE, DALE AND STEVE

Three grandchildren of Sup't. and Mrs. S. M. Shows of Mansfield are pictured above. They are (left to right) Linda Louise Smith, age 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith, of Magnolia Springs, Texas; Dale Shows, age 4; and Steve Shows, age 8. Dale and Steve are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Shows, ex '40, of Mansfield.

Mrs. E. F. Curry (Betty Jane Hopper, B. S. '45) is now residing at 421 Bedford Drive, Baton Rouge. She and Mr. Edwin F. Curry were married on June 18, 1949.

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Arthur Ford, ex '36, has recently moved from Los Angeles to 610 N. Friends Avenue. Whittier, California. He is directing the work on guided missiles for North American Aviation, Inc.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herbert (Doris Gleason, A. B. '45) are now living at 2910 One Hundred and Twenty-First Street. Toledo, Ohio. They have just recently bought their home on Lake Erie and are enjoying both the home and their young son, Randall Gleason Herbert, who is nine months old.

In a letter just received from Mrs. Herbert, she stated that they kept in touch with several former students of the College. Ruth Sanchez and her husband, Harry Eccleston, who are living in Chicago, visited them this fall. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nornberg (Martha Rose Lunday) and their two sons live in Little Falls. Minnesota. Johnny Grochowski and Walter Young, who were stationed at NSC in 1945, are living in Toledo.

Hugh N. Carter, B. S. '40, is living in Los Angeles, California, where he is employed as a chemist for Globe Mills, manufacturers of Pillsbury flour. According to Bill Dosher. Carter makes the formula for special brands, self-rising and other types of flour.

Honor Roll—

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from these groups were 15, 20, 18, 7, 16, 10, 5, and 12, respectively. On the other hand Biology and Mathematics, having 42 majors each, show 6 and 13 respectively on the list. English produced 13 honor roll students while Physics with 7 majors had 5 on the honor roll.

While an analysis of one semester's grades is of little significance, it generally indicates that those who are interested and work hard make a success. Students making straight A's for the fall semester were Shirley Jean Clark of Winnfield, James Gongre, Jr., of Natchitoches, George Neal Grammer of Benton, Louise E. Harris of West Monroe, Floyd Wesley Jackson, Jr., of Simpson, Elizabeth Koch of Keokuk. Iowa, and Dorothy Olivier of New Iberia.

Mickey Gunn, left, and Jack Branch, right, are two Demon swimmers who are sure point-getters in every swimming meet. In six meets the Demons have defeated Dallas Athletic Club twice and Baylor University once. They have lost to Texas A & M and Memphis Navy by one point in each meet, and were defeated by Southern Methodist 43-32. Other valuable men on the squad, not pictured here, are Jack Gaston, Hamilton Prestridge, Jack Sibley, Leo Ellison, Myron Lockey, Fred Hoff, Robert Voorhees, George Bruser, and James Howard.

STOUTAMIRE SINKS ANOTHER ONE

Northwestern's leading scoring ace, Claude "Jodie" Stoutamire, takes a crip shot under the basket after faking an opponent, who slips to the floor. Herschel McConathy stands ready to retrieve the ball should it miss the basket, while Artie Ranew, number 8, comes driving in toward the basket.

Stoutamire is the leading scorer in the Gulf States Conference and has made all-conference forward for the past three years.

Demons Hit Slump

Mississippi Southern Wins GSC Basketball Championship

The Demon basketball team, after taking an 8-1 lead in conference play, hit a decided slump and lost five games in a row, thereby eliminating themselves from any possibility of repeating again as champions of the Gulf Coast Conference.

After losing on the home court to Mississippi Southern on February 10 by the margin of 54-57, the Demons were next upset by Centenary in Shreveport by a 54-62 count. Moving down to Lafayette on February 16, the Demons again lost a heart-breaker in an overtime game with Southwestern, by a score of 57-61. The next opponent was Southeastern on February 18, when the Demons again bowed to the tune of 44-49. In a game with Louisiana Tech, February 20, in Ruston, the Demons were defeated by a score of 50-55.

The Demons came back into the win column on February 22, when they defeated the hapless Louisiana College Wildcats by a score of 74-58. This game gives the Demons a conference record of nine wins and six losses. The record for the season is 17 wins and 7 losses.

The final game of the season, Centenary on the Demons' home court, was scheduled to be played February 27; however, the game has been postponed to allow for the NAIB playoff. The NAIB playoff will be held at Lafayette with Southwestern as host team. Schools participating in the playoff to represent Louisiana in the Kansas City meet will be Northwestern, Southeastern, Centenary, and Southwestern.

Demon chances in the playoff are problematical. Willis, stellar guard for the Demons, has been off the squad since February 10, and Stoutamire has not participated in the last two games. In the game with Louisiana College last night, John McConathy was injured and may not be able to play.

Cupid's Doings

Miss Helen Marie Knippers of Many, and Mr. Kermit Wilson Seaman, student at the College, were married at the First Baptist Church in Ruston on January 28.

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Miss Gloria Thacker of Hawkins, Texas, and Mr. Rayden P. Lee of Florien, were married at the Greenwood Baptist Church on January 29. Both the bride and groom are former students of the College. They are residing in Baton Rouge, where the groom is a student at LSU.

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Miss La Vern Arthur of Converse, and Mr. Lehron J. Lee of Florien, former student at the College, were married at Parkview Baptist Church in Shreveport on January 14. The young couple reside in Baton Rouge, where the groom is an agriculture student at LSU.

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Miss Joanne Marcia Lewis, ex '48, and Mr. Olgus Harley Patterson, B. S. '50, both of Mooringsport, were married at the Methodist Church on February 15. The young couple will reside in Mooringsport, where Mr. Patterson is employed as a chemist.

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Miss Dorothy Mae Goss of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mr. Lewis Mercer Norris, B. S. '40, of Hall Summit, were married on February 10 at Grace Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs. They will reside at 214 E. Del Norte Street, Colorado Springs, where Mr. Norris is employed by Speidel Newspapers, Inc.

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Miss Nadine Smith, B. S. '50, of Sikes, and Mr. Lisso Simmons, A. B. '47, of Springhill, were married at First Baptist Church of Natchitoches on February 4. They will live in Springhill, where Mr. Simmons is principal of the Springhill Elementary School.

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Miss Mary Patricia Fiechtl of Oklahoma City, and Edwin L. McClung III, ex '48, of Natchitoches, were married on February 1 in Corpus Christi Catholic Church of Oklahoma City. They will reside in Natchitoches, where Mr. McClung is a pharmacist in McClung Drug Company.

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Miss Billijune Few, ex '42, and Mr. Thomas Davis Langford, both of Shreveport, were married on February 4. They will reside in Shreveport.

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Miss Virginia Lee White, student at the College from Winnfield, and Mr. Sammy Bass of Crossett, Arkansas, were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Winnfield on February 4.

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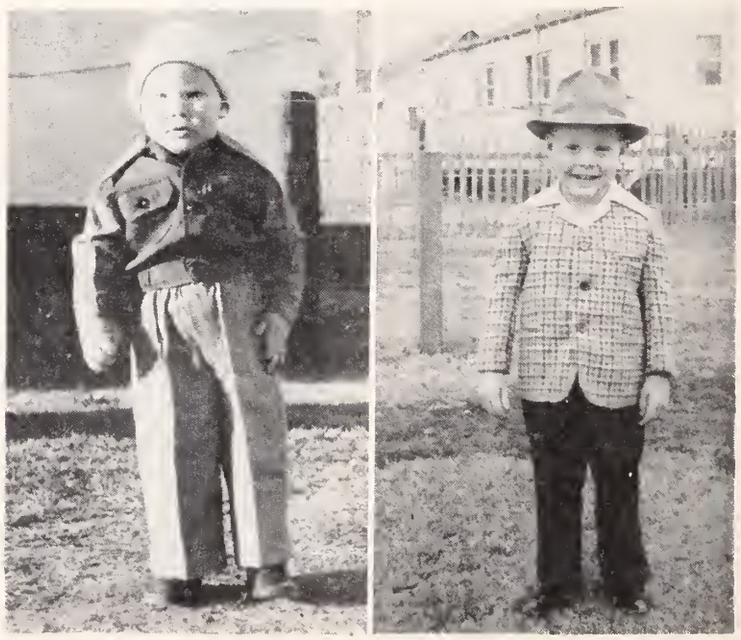
Miss Sara Alderman, member of the journalism faculty at the College for the past three years, from Wartrace, Tennessee, and Mr. Patrick Calvert Murphy, A. B. '40, of Natchitoches, were married on February 6 at the Presbyterian Church in Wartrace. They will reside in Little Rock.

STEVE AND DON SHELLENBERGER



Steve and Don Shellenberger are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Shellenberger of Waco, Texas. Mrs. Shellenberger was the former Ruth Monger, A. B. '44.

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